

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JEANINE MARRINSON

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 19, 2003*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Jeanine Marrinson, a community leader, civic activist, loving individual, and a great Floridian. Born originally in Chicago, Marrinson moved to Florida in 1966 and soon began a career of service to her community.

Mrs. Marrinson will long be remembered as an accomplished woman in business and civic affairs. After arriving to South Florida, she and husband Ralph opened the Manor Pines Convalescent Center. Later, she served as president of Designs by Jeanine and fulfilled the role as chief designer of her husband Ralph Marrinson's seven senior care facilities that the couple later opened. Prior to spearheading her own successful business, Mrs. Marrinson was an American Airlines Flight Attendant.

Marrinson made sincere and concerted efforts to give back to the community. She volunteered for a number of organizations, including the YMCA, Kids in Distress, and for a period of more than 25 years the Boys & Girls Club. Remaining dedicated to these causes and helping many less fortunate neighbors, her devotion and commitment serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a special occasion for me to honor Mrs. Jeanine Marrinson. Marrinson's earnest and altruistic values in helping others and becoming involved in the greater Fort Lauderdale community serves as an example to us all. I trust that her amazing legacy will last forever and will be carried on by others who loved her.

Mrs. Marrinson is survived by her husband Ralph Marrinson and her twin brother Jerome Duever of Chicago.

IN HONOR OF JESSICA E. WILKES-MOBLEY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jessica Elizabeth Wilkes-Mobley.

Jessica is one of Brooklyn's brightest young stars. She is an honor student, having ranked second in her sophomore class at Catherine McAuley High School. Currently, Jessica is continuing her strong academic showing by remaining on the Principal's list in her junior year.

Her lifelong goal of being a pediatrician was furthered by her participation in the June 2002 National Leadership Forum on Medicine in Chicago. Jessica was also nominated as a National Math Award winner and had her biography published in the 2001 United States

Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook. Jessica was also nominated as a United States National Honor Roll Member and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the St. Johns University Women in Science Society for Mathematics.

Jessica is a member of Our Lady of Charity R.C. Church where she works with the church elders. She is also a member of Youth Discipleship and the Liturgical Dance Group. In addition to her academic studies and church work, Jessica also enjoys reading and cheerleading in her spare time.

Mr. Speaker, Jessica Elizabeth Wilkes-Mobley is truly a young lady who is going places and who is already an academic success story. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER PEG HYNES

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 19, 2003*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in memory of a very special woman, Sister Peg Hynes.

A friend remembers Sister Peg as "an extraordinary, vibrant, and unforgettable person. With a constant smile she lit up every place she was in with her good nature and good humor. She represented everything good about humanity—an abundance of generosity, selflessness and an abiding love for people of all backgrounds and walks of life. The world is a sadder and emptier place without her."

Margaret Mary "Peg" Hynes was born on June 7, 1933 in Philadelphia, PA, the second of five daughters of Nellie (Burke) and Tom Hynes, who had emigrated from Co. Galway, Ireland. Growing up in North Philadelphia, Peg graduated from St. Columba Elementary School, and John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, where she was an All-Catholic basketball player and a distinguished honor student.

Peg worked for three years before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph, a religious community in Chestnut Hill, PA in 1954. In the convent she was given the name Sister Francis de Sales. Peg received degrees from Chestnut Hill College and Boston College, then embarked on a 31-year career in education. She was a teacher or principal at various schools, including St. John's in Hillsdale, NJ, Epiphany in Plymouth Meeting, PA, as well as St. Stephen, St. Athanasius, Christ the King, and Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, all in Philadelphia. Her last teaching assignment was Holy Trinity in Washington, DC.

In 1986, Sister Peg Hynes became Executive Director of the Heart of Camden Housing Corporation, a non-profit organization. The Heart of Camden had been established in

1984 by Father Michael Doyle, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in South Camden, to rehabilitate abandoned homes and sell them at cost to poor families in the neighborhood. Camden is one of the poorest cities in the United States, and Father Doyle has described the Heart of Camden's work as "the most difficult housing assignment in the country".

In testimony before the New Jersey State Assembly in 1996, Sister Peg described her mission: "We are attempting to make ours a stable neighborhood by making home ownership available to families who would never qualify for a conventional mortgage. We have a dream, not a dream merely to renovate houses, but to renovate humanity. The goal is to continue to expand our efforts until every ugly eyesore of abandonment in our area has a light in the windows and life within the walls." Under Sister Peg's leadership, the Heart of Camden has helped more than 125 families to achieve the dream of home ownership. She also enlarged the scope of the Heart of Camden to include a counseling center, a food distribution program, a medical clinic, a youth center, and a family resource center.

Sister Peg successfully battled breast cancer twice—in 1982 and in November 2000. Because of health problems, Sister Peg stepped down as Executive Director of the Heart of Camden in October, 2001, and became Development Director, raising funds for the work to be done.

Over the years Sister Peg received many awards and accolades for her work, including the World Habitat Day Award from the United Nations, and the Fannie Mae Award of Excellence. None of these awards pleased her more than the one she received from her Alma Mater, Hallahan High School. Since its opening in 1901, Hallahan has graduated more than 37,000 girls. To celebrate the school's 100th Anniversary, Hallahan established a Hall of Fame, and selected Sister Peg as one of its first inductees.

Sister Peg was proud of her Irish roots. She loved traditional Irish music and enthusiastically participated in celi dancing. In 1997, she was chosen for the Ring of Honor by the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Committee, and proudly helped to lead the annual parade. An athlete in her youth, Peg was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed watching Philadelphia's college and professional basketball and football teams. Having grown up in the shadow of Connie Mack Stadium, however, Sister Peg had a particular fondness for the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team.

Sister Peg was killed in an automobile accident on December 21, 2002. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of the Diocese of Camden stated, "Sister Peg's untimely and tragic death is an irreparable loss to the work of the church and the city of Camden. She was known for her work with the heart of Camden, but it was her own heart that she will be remembered for—a heart that made a place for Christ and all those she served in His name."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of Sister Peg Hynes. Her dedication

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